



RISAA  
**Events & Meetings**

All events and meetings can be found online at [www.risaa.org/calendar.html](http://www.risaa.org/calendar.html)

Dec 5-7 New England Fisheries Council, Viking Hotel, Newport, RI

Dec 12 • 6:30 PM RISAA Board of Directors

Dec 18 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar and Annual Meeting

Jan 20 • RISAA 20th Anniversary Banquet

Jan 23 • 6:30 PM RISAA Board of Directors

Jan 29 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar

Jan 30-31 • New England Fisheries Council, Portsmouth, NH

Feb 6-8 • ASMFC Winter Meeting, Arlington, VA

Feb 20 • 6:30 PM RISAA Board of Directors

Feb 26 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar

Mar 9-11 • 15th Annual New England Saltwater Fishing Show

Mar 20 • 6:30 PM RISAA Board of Directors

Mar 26 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar and Quarterly Meeting

Apr 30 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar

May 21 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar

June 23 • Take-A-Kid Fishing Day

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Notes from the  
**President's Desk**  
Stephen Medeiros



**Another year in the books**

This month marks the conclusion of my 20th year as RISAA President. It has been a long run, but I have enjoyed every minute of it.

Each year prior to election time I would tell the Board that I would gladly step aside for someone else to take over, but they kept saying no, I can't leave.

But in September I told the Board that twenty years was enough and it was time for me to retire as President. I wasn't going to run any more. They understood, but no one was willing to step into the role.

The concern is because of all the jobs I currently do, including newsletter editor, chair of the Political Action Committee, running the Fishing Show, Take-A-Kid Fishing Day, Youth Fishing Camp, process monthly dues (including billing and member cards), maintain our web site, 12 monthly board meetings and 12 monthly RISAA meetings, plus I serve on 16 committees.

But we came to an agreement that I will serve one FINAL time as president in 2018, but it will be a *transitional year*, so some of my duties can be taught to a new president and to other board members.

After that year I may continue as the executive director, but not as president and not doing all of those same duties.

It looks like you're all stuck with me for one final year.

**2017 WAS BUSY FOR RISAA!**

Yes, 2017 was a busy year for RISAA members with plenty of events and volunteer opportunities.

In addition to our twelve monthly meetings/seminars, we had...

- Jan 21: 19th Annual Awards Banquet
- Feb 3-5: Providence Boat Show booth
- Feb 5: Patriots win Super Bowl!
- Mar 4: Salt Water Sportsman Seminar booth in Taunton
- Mar 10-12: New England Saltwater Fishing Show
- May 20: RISAA Squid Fishing Trip
- Jun 2: S.Kingstown Kids Fishing Derby
- Jun 10: Trip to Fenway Park

- Jun 24: Kids Fishing day rained out
- Jun 27-29 Youth Fishing Camp
- Jul 22: Party Boat Fluke Fishing Trip
- Aug 12: Adult/Junior Fishing Trip
- Oct 28: Party Boat Tautog Fishing Trip

In addition to everything above, there were also several fisheries public hearings and individual committee events.

No one can say being a RISAA member is boring!

**THANKS FOR BEING A MEMBER!**

As 2017 draws to a close, I would like to say "thank you" to every RISAA member who has volunteered during the year. Your efforts may not always get an immediate "thanks", but know that what you do does not go unnoticed.

And thanks to every member who participated in other ways such as attending the Annual Banquet, or one of the fishing trips, or entered a fish in the tournaments, or attended a meeting.

And if you live too far to participate in person (we have members all over the country), or if your schedule doesn't permit you to attend an event, we still thank you for being a member.

Every one of you combined is what makes RISAA great!



**To my family, friends, and all RISAA members, I wish you Merry Christmas Happy Hanukkah Happy New Year!**